

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has canceled claims 1-42 without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 43-45 are pending in the application.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 103 (a)

The Examiner rejected claims 28 and 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner also rejected claims 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yugawa (JP 61222906) in view of Moore et al. (U.S. Provisional 60/477452). In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 28 and 34-36 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be fully addressed.

3.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 43 through 45. Consequently, the Applicant has cancelled the other claims in this application in order to expedite the allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes that all of the claims currently pending in the Application are in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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